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CENTRAL, SOUTH CHINA TO GET 100 MILLION CATTIES -- Hong Kong Ta Kung Pao,
 8 May 50

Hankow, 6 May -- The Central People's government has announced that an
 additional 100 million catties of relief foodstuffs will be distributed to
 the Central and South China areas as follows:

Area	No of Catties
Honan	10,000,000
Hupei	12,500,000
Hunan	22,000,000
Kiangsi	14,000,000
Kwangtung and Hainan	24,000,000
Kwangsi	9,000,000
Canton	3,000,000
Wu-Han	2,000,000
Department of Civil Affairs, Central and South China	
Military and Political Council relief work in	
rural areas	1,500,000
Department of Labor, Central and South China Military	
and Political Council relief work for unemployed	2,000,000

EAST CHINA GETS 8 MILLION CATTIES -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 5 Apr 50

Since famine conditions are becoming worse daily in East China, the East
 China Production and Relief Committee has decided to release an additional 5
 million catties of mixed grains in Shantung, 2 million in south Anhwei, and one
 million in south Kiangsu. This is in addition to the 20 million catties pre-
 viously released for north Anhwei.

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Thirty representatives of various Christian churches of Shanghai met at the National Christian Youth Council headquarters to consider the famine situation.

The meeting voted to organize a preparatory committee of the Shanghai Christian Austerity and Relief Committee. The seven members are: Hsieh Sung-san (1) /Numbers refer to appended characters/, Ch'i Ch'ing-ts'ai (2), Yang Huai-sheng (3), Ch'en Shan-hsiang (4), Liu Liang-mo (5), Li Liang-p'eng (6), Wu Kao-tzu (7).

LIAOSI FARMERS TAKE UP SUPPLEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 9 Apr 50

Chin-chou, 7 Apr (Hsin-hua) -- Through the help of the Provincial People's government and the CCP Party committees on various levels, the calamity-stricken farmers of Liaosi Province have engaged in supplementary occupations, such as spinning, fishing, animal husbandry, etc., to overcome the hardships caused by the great disaster of last summer and fall which destroyed more than 25 percent of their crops.

It is reported that much success has been obtained by these farmers in their undertakings. For example, the farmers of P'an-shan, Fou-hsin, two other hsiens, and 34 districts have produced about 10 million catties of foodstuffs and raised 6,156 head of livestock. In T'ai-an Hsien, where the farmers suffered the most, secondary crops have reached 66 million catties.

In addition to helping the farmers rehabilitate themselves, the Liaosi Provincial People's government set up cooperatives in the disaster areas to assist the farmers in obtaining raw materials to start their undertakings and to market their products. These cooperatives greatly aided the farmers to adjust themselves in their new ventures. It is said that monetary transactions between the cooperatives and the farmers in 13 hsiens exceeded more than 83.3 billion Northeast yuan.

INSECTS CAUSE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN HOPEH -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 1 May 50

Peiping -- The Agricultural Office of the Hopeh Provincial People's government reported, on 3 April 1950, that since the latter part of February, insect pests have spread over 60 hsiens, causing extensive damages to agricultural crops.

An-p'ing, An-kuo, and 54 other hsiens are now being plagued with red spiders. In An-p'ing Hsien alone, it is estimated that more than 190,000 mou of land under wheat and rape cultivation were destroyed by these spiders. Luan-nan, Feng-nan, Yu-t'ien, Heng, Pao, Ning-ho, and 12 other hsiens are being plagued with agriotes sericeus, which have caused untold damage to the spring wheat-seed crops. In the 13 districts and 29 villages in Chi Hsien alone, it is estimated that more than 30 percent of the spring wheat crops were destroyed by the agriotes sericeus.

The wheat fields in Tung-shih-ts'ai, in An-p'ing Hsien, are being menaced with green centipedes, and it is said that 50 percent of the crops are in utter ruin. The rape fields in Nei-ch'iu, Ning-chin, and seven other hsiens are now infested with phaeton brassicae. A recent survey conducted in the 22 villages of Nei-ch'iu, Ning-chin, and Lin hsiens, covering an area of more than 6,000 mou, revealed that each rape plant was infested with 40 to 60 phaeton brassicae.

Ch'u-yang, Hang-t'ang, Lin-shou Ting, Wu-chi, Hsin-lo, and 11 other hsiens are now infested with unfledged locusts, which have caused extensive damage to wheat.

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Local authorities are now actively engaged in organizing cadre units to send out to the various areas to direct the masses in combating these pests.

[Appended characters follow.]

1. 謝 領 三
2. 侯 愛 材
3. 楊 懷 生
4. 陳 善 祥
5. 劉 良 模
6. 李 良 豹
7. 吳 高 祥

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